

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is a cooperative effort by ten northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states to reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from electricity generating plants. In the United States, RGGI is the first program of its kind, a multi-state emissions cap and trade program with a market-based emissions trading system. The cap and trade program is designed to reduce CO₂, a greenhouse gas, while maintaining electricity affordability and reliability. Maryland's participation in RGGI will reduce CO₂ emissions from the State's electricity generators by roughly 10 percent from current levels by 2019.

Town Hall meetings will be held in four areas around Maryland in August and will be open to the public. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss this initiative as it impacts our State, the upcoming RGGI auctions and allocation of funds generated through these auctions, and to gather public opinion as the RGGI program moves forward.

[Click HERE for downloadable versions of the handouts & presentations from the public meetings.](#)

The following dates and areas for meetings have been set:

1. Southern Maryland on Aug 19th---The La Plata Conference Center, Room 113E, from 6 PM-7:30 PM

- La Plata Conference Center
- 8730 Mitchell Road
La Plata, MD 20646-0910
- **[Click HERE for some of the public's comments from the meeting](#)**

2. Eastern Shore on Aug 20th---St. Michaels Library in Talbot County from 6 PM-7:30 PM

- St. Michael's Library
- 106 Fremont St.
- St. Michaels, MD 21663
- **[Click HERE for some of the public's comments from the meeting](#)**

3. Western Maryland (Cumberland) on August 25th---Allegany College of Maryland from 6 PM-7:30 PM

- Allegany College of Maryland
- 12401 Willowbrook Road, SE
- Cumberland, MD 21502-2596
- Building/Room #: Continuing Education building in rooms 12, 13, and 14.
- **[Click HERE for some of the public's comments from the meeting](#)**

4. Central Maryland on August 26th---Woodlawn Library in Baltimore County from 6 PM- 7:30 PM

- Woodlawn Library
- 1811 Woodlawn Drive
- Woodlawn, Maryland 21207-4074
- **[Click HERE for some of the public's comments from the meeting](#)**

Please Note: If you were unable to attend the RGGI Town Hall meetings and are interested in voicing your opinions or have questions, please contact our office via email at meainfo@energy.state.md.us.